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NATURE PROGRAM

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Canyon

Canyon Visitor Center—Exhibits explain the origin of Yellowstone's Grand Canyon and display some of the plants and animals that live along its rim.

A ten-minute illustrated program on the canyon is presented every half-hour in the auditorium. The Visitor Center is open daily, May 1 through late September from 8 a.m, to noon and 1 to 5 p.m., except in mid-summer when it is open 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Evening Campfire Talks from mid-June through early September. For details see the "Schedule of Campfire Talks."

Canyon Rim Walks—As you walk along the rim of the spectacular Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, a ranger tells the story of this immense and beautiful gorge. Meet at Artist Point at 8:30 a.m., 10 a,m., 1:30 p.m., or 3 p.m. for this two-hour walk. Offered from mid-June through Labor Day.

Clear Lake Walk—Spend a leisurely afternoon exploring the life of forest and meadow on this easy walk to picturesque Clear Lake. An excellent introduction to the wild country of Yellowstone. This hike is offered Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from June 15 through late August. Meet the ranger at the Canyon Visitor Center at 1:30 p.m. Transportation required.

Mt. Washburn Hike—This six-hour hike takes you up the slopes of Mt. Washburn to its snowy 10,000-foot summit. Passing through forest and on up into alpine meadows, the trip offers the adventures of the high country. Bring a lunch, water, good walking shoes and a jacket. The trip is offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday as soon after July 1 as snow conditions on the mountain permit. Meet the ranger at 8:30 a.m. at the Canyon Visitor Center. Transportation required.

Grant Village Area

Grant Village Visitors Center—Exhibits provide an introduction to major features of Yellowstone with emphasis on the wilderness. An illustrated program on Yellowstone's wilderness is presented in

the auditorium. The museum is open June 10 through Labor Day. Hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. except in mid-summer when it is open 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Evening Campfire Talks from late June through late August. For details see the "Schedule of Campfire Talks."

West Thumb Nature Walk—A two-hour walk to a scenic overlook of Yellowstone Lake leaves the West Thumb Ranger Station at 1 p.m. daily, late June through late August.

Madison Junction

Evening Campfire Talks from mid-June through early September. For details see the "Schedule of Campfire Talks."

Old Faithful

Old Faithful Visitor Center is open daily, May 1 through October 31. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except in mid-summer when the building is open 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Exhibits explain the hot spring and geyser activity of the surrounding area. Probable eruption times of the major geysers are posted daily.

Evening Campfire Talks from late May to late September. For details see the "Schedule of Campfire Talks."

Mystic Falls Guided Walks follow the course of the Little Firehole River to a delicate waterfall. Meet a ranger at the Biscuit Basin parking lot 9:00 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday, for this two hour walk. Offered late June through late August.

Backcountry Exploration Hikes—All-day hikes, Saturdays during July and August. Meet at Old Faithful Visitor Center at 8 a.m. The hike will be rigorous. You must have good hiking shoes, a lunch, and clothing suitable for the weather. Destinations such as Twin Buttes and Queen's Laundry, Shoshone Geyser Basin, etc. will be announced

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in advance each week at the Old Faithful Visitor Center.

Black Sand Basin Walk — Short guided walks through the Black Sand Basin are offered daily at 1:30, 2:30, and 3:30 p.m., late June through early September.

Pocket Basin Hike—Interested in mud pots? This hike will lead you off the beaten path to one of the largest groups of mud pots in the park. Meet the ranger at the Midway Geyser Basin parking area at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday for this three hour hike offered late June through late August. Walking starts at Ojo Caliente. Transportation required.

Geyser Hill and Fountain Paint Pot—A ranger will usually be present in these areas to answer your questions and to conduct walks as announced.

Lake Area

Fishing Bridge Museum features exhibits on the wildlife and geology of the Yellowstone Lake area. It is open daily, June 1 through Labor Day. Hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m., except in mid-summer when it is open from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Evening Campfire Talks are presented in the Fishing Bridge and Bridge Bay amphitheaters, from mid-June through August. For details see the "Schedule of Campfire Talks."

Storm Point Walks introduce you to the plant and animal life of the Yellowstone Lake shore. This delightful and easy two-hour walk is offered daily at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 2 p.m. Meet the ranger at the Fishing Bridge Museum, late June through August. Transportation required.

Absaroka Peaks Hike—This all-day hike takes you above timberline to the lofty summits of the Absaroka Range. A strikingly beautiful trip into the seldom seen high country of Yellowstone. The hike is rigorous. You must have good hiking shoes, a lunch, a sweater and a windbreaker. The hike leaves the Fishing Bridge Museum at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Trips begin July 1 or as soon thereafter as snow conditions permit, and continue through mid-August. Transportation required.

Tower Falls

Evening Campfire Talks are presented each evening in the Tower Fall Campground from mid-June through early September. For details see the "Schedule of Campfire Talks."

Fossil Forest Hike—A rigorous all-day hike to the fascinating petrified forests on Specimen Ridge. Bring a lunch, water, god hiking shoes and a jacket. Starts at 8 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday, at the Tower Junction Ranger Station. Trips begin mid-June and end late August. Transportation required.

Mammoth Hot Springs

Mammoth Visitor Center features exhibits on the wildlife, geology and history of the Yellowstone Country. It is open daily May 1 through October 31. Hours are 8 a.m. to noon, 1 to 5 p,m., except in mid-summer when it is open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Evening Campfire Talks from late June to early September. For details see the "Schedule of Campfire Talks."

Mammoth Terrace Walk—Explore the hot spring terraces with a ranger for your guide. This 2-hour walk visits numerous active, as well as ancient spring sites. It starts at 9 a.m. from Liberty Cap daily, late June through late August.

Norris Geyser Basin

Norris Museum featuring exhibits on geology and birds is open daily June 1 through mid-September. Hours are 8 a.m. to noon, 1 to 5 p.m., except in mid-summer when open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Norris Basin Walks—Short guided walks through Norris Geyser Basin are offered daily mid-June through mid-September. Walks are arranged to include erupting geysers, when possible. Inquire at Museum for walk schedule.

Youngsters under 15 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or a responsible adult in order to participate in a guided walk.

Self-guiding Trails

Self-guiding trails are available May 1 through November 1 at three locations—**Fountain Paint Pots** in the Lower Geyser Basin, the **Mud Volcano** on the road between Canyon and Lake, and at the **Mammoth Terraces.** At each of these locations you may obtain a booklet which will help guide you over the trail. It will also explain things to be seen along the way.
Trail Guides are also available for the **Canyon** and the **Upper Geyser Basin** areas.

Schedule of Campfire Talks

Illustrated talks are presented every evening at amphitheaters throughout the Park. Programs begin at 9:30 p.m. June through July, 9:00 p.m. beginning August 1.

Sunday	**The Living Land**
Monday	**The Yellowstone Country**
Tuesday	**The Fires Within**
Wednesday	**Our Sacred Lands**
Thursday	**The Living Land**
Friday	**The Yellowstone Country**
Saturday	**The Fires Within**

The interpretive program for visitors to Yellowstone National Park is conducted by Park Rangers. All services are free of charge. We hope that this program will help you to better understand and enjoy the wonders of the Yellowstone country.